

## Medicaid Reform Implementation Status

Note: Idaho Medicaid is proceeding with all planned reform initiatives except where the use of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) as the vehicle for federal authority, rather than a Section 1115 waiver, has caused delays or challenges. See Notes column for more information.

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Reform Initiative	Related Legislation	Implementation Date	Notes
√ New Benefit Plans and Foundation for Reform			
Creation of Medicaid Basic Plan and Medicaid Enhanced Plan	Parts of foundation per H776; HCR48	√ July 2006	
New Medicaid application implemented		√ July	
Health Questionnaire incorporated		√ July	
Expedited Healthy Connections assignments		√ July	
Plan assignments based on health needs		√ July	
√ Prevention & Wellness			
Well child exam reimbursement increase	Consistent with H776	√ July	
Adult routine annual health exam coverage		√ July	
Healthy Schools initiative		√ September	
Good Health Decisions			
Cost-sharing for families > 133% FPL	H776; HCR50	Fall 2006	
Preventive Health Assistance for smoking cessation, weight loss	H663	Fall 2006	
Premium Payment Assistance for up-to-date well child checks	H663	Fall 2006	
Co-payments for certain Medicaid services	H663	Pending. Co-pays on non-emergent use of hospital emergency rooms requires additional design work and collaboration with partners due to specificity in the DRA. Co-pays for missed appointments are according to physician policy. Co-pays for non-emergent use of emergency medical transportation will be implemented and rules will be promulgated. Co-pays on non-preferred prescription drugs are unnecessary due to effectiveness of preferred drug list.	
Strengthen Employer-Based Health Insurance			
Remove financial specification for employer contributions to spouse premiums in Access to Health Insurance program	S1417	Pending federal approval.	Expecting approval of waiver amendment.

Allow all Medicaid-eligible individuals to choose premium assistance as an alternative to direct coverage	S1417	On hold. The DRA requires EPSDT wrap-around for mandatory eligibles. Also, Title XIX requires budget neutrality and Medicaid has no 1115 waiver authority for this change.	
Allow currently insured individuals to enroll in premium assistance	S1417	On hold. Title XIX requires budget neutrality and Medicaid has no 1115 waiver authority for this change.	
<b>Empower Individuals to Manage Their Own Lives</b>			
Consumer direction (Self-Determination)	HCR12 (2005)	November	
Collaborate on family-directed care	H849	research phase	
<b>Opportunities for Employment</b>			
Medicaid Buy-In for workers with disabilities	H664	January 2007	
<b>Savings &amp; Efficiencies</b>			
Best price negotiated for incontinence supplies	HCR51	√ July	
Multi-state purchasing pool for pharmacy pricing	HCR50	October	
Pay for Performance pilot: diabetes	H776	√ July	
Transportation brokerage	HCR51	January 2007	
Dental plan outsourcing	HCR51	(RFP Sept.)	
Medicare enrollment as a condition for Medicaid eligibility	HCR53	√ July	
<b>Coordination with Medicare</b>			
Integrate benefits/administration with Medicare Plans	HCR49	January 2007	
<b>Non-Public Financing Options for Long-Term Care</b>			
Aging Connections pilot	HCR52	October	
Long-term Care Partnership program	(federal)	November	
LTC financing reforms: asset transfers and look-back period	(federal)	√ February 2006	
LTC financing reforms: estate recovery	S1318	√ July	
<b>Other Idaho Medicaid Reforms</b>			
Caregiver support benefits	H877	On hold. These benefits would target a small eligibility expansion, which is not possible under Title XIX budget neutrality requirements without waiver authority.	